## WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME:

5:00 pm, Tuesday, April 17, 2012

PLACE:

Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:

Dave Buck

Vicki Burch

Larry Wood

John Cox

David Downey

Andrew Hirsch

Jim Knapp

Chris Leroux

Kathleen Mills

Karen O'Farrell

Larry Preo

Eddie VanBogaert

Boudewijn van Gelder

**VISITORS:** 

Ben Anderson

Kristi Smith

Dan Teder

Michael Susong

Stephen O'Brady

Stephen Bus

Professor van Gelder brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. O'Farrell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

Ms. Smith was introduced to the commission as the new office manager for the Engineering Department. Ms. Smith will replace Ms. Debord.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bicycle Indiana:** Mr. Hirsch stated that Nancy Tibbett of Bicycle Indiana has reviewed the funding application for Share the Road signage to be installed on the bridge over the Celery Bog, and it was approved. The City of West Lafayette and the Wabash River Cycle Club have agreed to split the 50% portion of the cost of the signs plus installation. The total cost of the project is \$468.

**US 231:** Mr. Knapp stated concrete work is expected to begin next week with an anticipated 210 trucks delivering concrete per day. The route the concrete trucks are expected to take is 52 to Northwestern to Cherry Lane. Lane restrictions are expected on Branigan Bridge all summer. McCormick Road is expected to be shut down indefinitely April 26<sup>th</sup>. Lindberg Road, west of McCormick Road, will shut down for up to 100 days and last until August.

**SR 26:** Mr. Knapp stated resurfacing work will begin soon. State Road 26 from US 231 to the river will be resurfaced. INDOT is expected to begin work May 15 and be complete by August 15. Milestone Contractors will perform the work. Mr. Knapp also stated Cherry Lane and Northwestern are also scheduled to be resurfaced in 2013.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Landmark PD: Mr. Teter, attorney for Landmark, and Mr. Bus, Campus Acquisitions, was present. Mr. Teter presented a site plan for a revised development. The new plan has nearly the same footprint as the previously proposed project, but there have been some changes made. Specifically, the size of the building and parking has changed. The next step is to go to the Area Plan Commission to start the Planned Development process.

**Evergreen/Allen:** Due to the potential of increased traffic in this area from the Landmark property development, Mr. Buck brought up the possibility of changing parts of Evergreen and Allen streets to one-way traffic. This concept was discussed briefly by the Commission, and the project was requested to come back to the May meeting to discuss in more detail as the proposed project continues through the approval process.

Creighton/Salisbury Sight Distance Issue: Mr. Susong stated he received a call from a concerned homeowner living near this area complaining of sight distance issues when turning from Creighton onto Salisbury, especially during school hours. Mr. Susong went out and observed there is a fence to the north and a large shrub to the south; therefore, limiting sight distance when entering Salisbury. Mr. Leroux asked if "no left turn" signs could be posted. Mr. Buck recommended we could contact the homeowner and ask if they would be willing to cut back the shrub. If not, Mr. Buck recommended additional study of the relevant traffic and engineering data.

**Lincoln Street Park:** Mr. Buck stated a concerned citizen contacted him due to speeding on Rose and Robinson streets. There are lots of parked cars and foot traffic along these streets. It was discussed that some type of "Warning Park Ahead" sign might be the best option to help in reducing the speed along these streets.

Kent/Win Hentschel Intersection: Mr. Buck also received a concern about the amount of traffic on Kent Avenue and Win Hentschel Blvd., it is hard to turn off of Win Hentschel on to Kent. Cross traffic does not stop and drivers often exceed the speed limit. Mr. Buck stated some options would be to build a roundabout at the intersection or make this a four-way stop. Before anything is done, Mr. Buck would like speed counts done on Kent.

Innovation/Kent Stop Sign: Ms. Mills stated there was not a stop sign at the intersection of Innovation Place and Kent Avenue. Ms. Burch made a motion to install a stop sign at this intersection. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

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David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director

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